

be interested to learn that another branch is soon to be
set off from the Old Church, of which I am Pastor, to
form a new Church on the East side of the ~~river~~ river.
This will make the third division: leaving the parent
Church, much diminished. The reasons for which these
divisions from the First Church have been made, are good
and sufficient, - and of course, nothing can be said against
them, though they are trying to a Pastor's feelings.

Will you permit me to say (in confidence) that
after mature deliberation, I have concluded it will be
proper for me and accordant with my obligations to the
Great Head of the Church, to change my field of labor
whenever an opportunity shall be presented, promising
greater usefulness than I can expect under present cir-
cumstances here. I wish you to make no use of this
statement in my behalf, unless by so doing, you can reason-
ably hope to further the advancement of the Redeemer's cause.

With much respect
& esteem

Yours &c
N. Bouton.

Rev. A. Boutwell,
Concord, N. H.

Concord, June 30. 1841.

Rev. A. A. Phelps.

Dear Brother -

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I will be much obliged to you to send me a copy of the ^{last} "Annual Report of the Mass. Abolition Society" when published. I have heard much of it as an able document, and am very desirous of seeing it.

You will see some good resolutions on the subject of Slavery in our Congregational Journal, soon to be published, passed by the Merrimack Co. Conference of Churches. It is worthy of note, that three years since, we could not pass resolutions among the Ministries of this Co. that Slavery was a sin. The resolutions referred to were passed unanimously - with the exception of one lay brother.

As you are somewhat acquainted with the Parish affairs of Concord - you may